

MISERY

I'm grief stricken drunken sick from all this pain and anguish.

MAYDAY MAYDAY!

Time to abandon this sunken ship and extinguish these bad habits.

These aren't just drunken lips making chit chat it's time to for these shattered thoughts to break trough their anchored state and walk the plank.

Like a sinner being baptized as a Christian it's my turn

to make a splash and be born again.

Let the salt water cleanse my wounds my heart ache my pain and let the waves of the ocean wash away my drowning emotions by the sand restoring me as a complete man.

Where I can be brave and recreate a window of oppor-

tunity view my landscape expand my horizons blasting off escaping my past obscurities and insecurities I will reinstate my life and pitch my new TABERNACKLE of GLORY.

Fertilize my seed and watch it rise like a redwood in the forest the lighthouse in the sea will shed light on my new victories.

I have finally escaped MISERY and snapped off the twigs of iniquity.

My tree has borne fruit my love has branched out through my youth flourishing like an oak tree with strong roots to prevent me from drowning in emotional pools.

No more thug of war I will pull no more like a

Spanish Conquistador I have conquered this ancient world.

Robert Juarez

Robert Juarez: was born in Los Angeles, Ca as a child Robert's family moved frequently he lived in Studio City for roughly 1 year. He then moved to E.L.A and briefly lived for 1 year in the infamous Dogtown projects located behind the LA.County.Jail.From there he moved to Lincoln Heights it was here were Robert had his first life changing experience at the age of 3 Robert's aunt who was also his baby sitter grabbed a blunt object and struck him on the right side of his skull. The reason being he urinated on his pants. This trauma affected Robert's out view forcing him to unconsciously learn the consequence of an action early on in life as a result this made him more meticulous making him learn how to take precautionary measures before making decions.After living in Lincoln Heights for 2 years he moved to Echo Park and lived there for 2 more years before finally moving to El Sereno.It was here where Robert was introduced to the brutal violence of gang culture one day as he was walking to school he saw his neighbor an active gang member dead he was hanging by his neck on a fence. By the age of 12 he was greatly influenced by his older brother and uncle who were both involved in the gang lifestyle. Robert was raised by both his parents and lived with 3 brothers and 1 sister. His mother was a great influence in Robert's life emotionally nourishing him with love and constantly reciting poetry to him as a child. Though Robert's father was physically and financially there emotionally he was nowhere to be found. Robert searched for a father figure in his uncle and his older brother. Two of his brothers as well as himself where involved in gangs and the oldest among them was stabbed in the heart and killed because of gang violence he was only 25 years of age. His older uncle who influenced him was also killed at the age of 26 his death was also gang related. His uncle, who was training to be a professional boxer, was a father figure to Robert. He taught Robert many things including how to be a fighter. He was however a negative role model and greatly influenced Robert in the gang culture. From the age of 12 through 18 he was involved in violence, drugs, and making a name for himself. At the age of 18 he went to the Los Angeles County Jail for the first time in his life. From that time he was in and out of the facility periodically. From the age of 18 through 25 he was deep in the darkness of the street life. At the age of 26 he moved to live with his oldest brother in the San Fernando Valley to escape his destructive lifestyle and enrolled himself at Mission College. There he took college courses. He left college and decided to move back to El Sereno, Ca. Currently he is still living in El Sereno, working at Homeboy Industries and involved with the Homeboy Press.